

# Cabinet

Date of Meeting  
14 November 2016



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| <b>Report Title:</b>                             | <b>Update to the Cabinet Report - Consideration of the Establishment of the West of England Combined Authority</b> |
| <b>Ward:</b>                                     | <b>All</b>   |
| <b>Strategic Director:</b>                       | <b>Stephen Hughes, Interim Chief Executive</b>   |
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## **Purpose of the report:**

To provide members with an update of the information received from DCLG following the publication of the Cabinet Agenda

## **Amended Recommendation for the Mayor's approval:**

- 1 Notes the Summary of Consultation Responses report and the Representations submitted to the Secretary of State and the variations described in Appendix B;
- 2 Notes the principles in the Governance Scheme are delivered, subject to the variations referred to in Appendix B
- 3 Subject to the safeguard in recommendation 5 below to give consent to the establishment of the West of England Combined Authority
- 4 Appoints the Mayor as this Council's Member of West of England Combined Authority
- 5 Delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor the authority to take all decisions, to make all necessary appointments, arrangements and provide written confirmation to the Secretary of State consenting to the making of the Order creating a West of England Combined Authority,
- 6 Delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make all consequential amendments to

## Background

1. The background to this item is set out in the report included at Agenda item 6 (“the principal report”) and in the report to Council and Cabinet of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Since publication of the Cabinet agenda, DCLG has provided the Councils with a draft of the Statutory Instrument (“the draft Order”) which will, if made, establish the West of England Combined Authority (“WECA”). Appendix A

2. The draft Order has been provided on the basis that it remains subject to amendment while it continues to go through the relevant Parliamentary processes. The final form of the Order will be settled at the time it is laid before Parliament after which it cannot be amended. It is anticipated that the Order will be laid in the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016.

3. Officers have considered the draft Order and are satisfied that it reflects the intention of the Councils as set out in the Governance Scheme, subject to the variations that are described in the Appendix B to this Update Report.

4. Officers will continue to liaise with DCLG to identify points of clarification. However it is expected that the Order when laid will reflect the terms of this draft Order.

### Resource and legal implications:

#### Finance

5 These are as set out in the principal report

#### Legal implications:

6 These are as set out in the principal report

#### Human resources implications:

7 These are as set out in the principal report

## Conclusions

8 The draft Order now provided by DCLG reflects the terms of the Governance Scheme as approved by Council and Cabinet in June 2016. It is considered that the variations set out in Appendix B are consistent with the principles established by the Scheme.

9 In the event Cabinet resolves to adopt the recommendations set out above DCLG will write to the Council to obtain formal written consent on behalf of the Council to the making of the Order establishing the WECA. Officers will provide any necessary advice to the Chief Executive prior to the formal giving of consent on behalf of the Council.

### Appendices:

**Appendix A – Draft Order**

**Appendix B – Table of Changes**